

# Connecticut Emergency Management Association

Minutes of the Meeting - Wednesday, May 26, 2004

Bruce Lockwood called the meeting of the Connecticut Emergency Management Association (CEMA) to order at 7:02 pm.

March Meeting Minutes and April Meeting Minutes were both adopted.

## **State OEM Liaison Report:**

CT OEM Report - TOPOFF 3 will be held beginning the week of April 4, 2005 and taking place in the New London area and could include the I-95 corridor. Evaluators and Controllers may be needed for the drill if you are interested please contact your area coordinator to be added to the list.

DHS Report - FY04 Grant Funds: Attorney General approved the MOU for the communities who want the State to handle the funds for them. The State is looking for a quick turn around of 60 days. Another MOU is being written for those communities that want to handle the money themselves.

There is real and credible information regarding another attack on the United States, especially with the World War II Memorial dedication, The Democratic and Republican Conventions, July 4<sup>th</sup> ceremonies, The G8 Summit, the Inauguration. The DHS recommends that emergency plans and procedures be reviewed and contact phone numbers are updated.

Mr. Burturla commented that CREPC did an excellent job with their drill on May 15, 2004. The Governor signed the bill combining the Office of Emergency Management and the Division of Homeland Security into one organization called The Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security to be formally in place before January 05.

## **Unfinished Business:**

The By-Laws were reviewed. Several comments were made and incorporated. A clean copy of the by-laws will be distributed with the June Agenda to be voted on at the June Meeting. **NO MORE COMMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON THE BY-LAWS AT THE JUNE MEETING.** The By-Laws will be revisited during the next twelve months to incorporate changes as the organization grows.

This past month CEMA sent seven letters regarding the OEM paper, "Impacts to Connecticut if EMPG Funding Limits Personnel Expenditure's to 25%" to our local legislators describing the impact of the 25% cap on local communities. The CEMA membership is asked again to review the documentation and write their congressional leaders regarding the detrimental effect this 25% cap would have on our local communities as well as the State of Connecticut. It is important to all of us. Please make the time to send in your comments to our congressional representatives regarding this important issue.

## **New Business:**

Interim Officers are to be voted on at the June Meeting. Please send Bruce Lockwood names of candidates for these positions **BEFORE** the June Meeting. The assembled body decided that the Interim positions would be President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. These positions would remain in effect until CEMA was better established.

Mr. Mike Spera was appointed to the Homeland Security/Office of Emergency Management Coordinating Council.

## **Committee's and Liaisons:**

### Marketing Committee:

Crisis and Consequence Management Information System (CCMIS) Infrastructure Software Committee. Mr. Henry Jorsz (Preston) requested comments on the proposed software design. (see attachment to previously sent email)

Prevention Partnership Subcommittee School Web Portal Committee Tom Gavaghan and Bruce Lockwood said although several things needed to be reworked, the webportal was still looking for a startup date of August.

Infragard Committee: Paul Connelly attended the meeting at GE. Major Burturla said he is on the Board of Directors and he would also keep CEMA informed of cyber issues.

Membership Committee – Working on Application forms.

501.c3 Status Committee – No Report

CEMA Website Committee – Mike Spera will talk to a webmaster and ask him if he can help us out with this effort. Henry D. Jorsz wanted to know if CEMA can set up a Yahoo Group.

Legislative Committee – Several members spoke with legislators regarding the EMPG Funding cut.

Educational Committee – No Report

The meeting concluded at 9:05

The next CEMA meeting will be 7:00pm, June 17<sup>th</sup> at CHA in Wallingford, CT.